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4 a plurality of multimedia nodes configured to communicate with said
5 home media server over a real-time home media network,
6 wherein said home media server transmits said multimedia content to
7 said one or more multimedia nodes responsive to requests for said multimedia
8 content transmitted from said multimedia nodes.

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1 15. The system as in claim 14 wherein one of said communication channel
2 is a broadcast channel.

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1 16. The system as in claim 15 wherein another of said communication
2 channels is a packet-switched channel.

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1 17. The system as in claim 16 wherein said packet-switched channel is a
2 TCP/IP channel provided by digital subscriber line ("DSL").

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1 18. The system as in claim 16 wherein said packet-switched channel is a
2 TCP/IP channel provided by a cable modem.

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1 19. The system as in claim 15 wherein said broadcast channel is a
2 broadcast cable channel.

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1 20. The system as in claim 14 wherein said home media network is a
2 wireless network.

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1 21. The system as in claim 14 wherein one of said multimedia channels is
2 a public switched telephone network channel.

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22. A home media server comprising:

- means for receiving broadcast multimedia content;
- means for receiving packet-switched multimedia content;
- means for converting said broadcast multimedia content and said packet switched multimedia content into a standard multimedia content format; and
- means for distributing said multimedia content in said standard format to a plurality of multimedia nodes.

1 23. The home media server as in claim 22 wherein said means for
2 distributing said multimedia content is a real-time network.

1 24. The home media server as in claim 23 wherein said real-time network
2 is a wireless network.

1 25. The home media server as in claim 24 wherein said wireless network
2 is based on the IEEE 802.11b network protocol.

1 26. The home media server as in claim 22 further comprising:
2 means for storing said multimedia content for subsequent distribution to
3 said multimedia nodes.

1 27. The home media server as in claim 22 further comprising:
2 means for receiving and transmitting audio over a public switched
3 telephone network ("PSTN").